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Dear Parents and Families of DCPS Students,

Our back-to-back snow storms earlier this month made history, and caused our children to miss numerous days of instruction. In figuring out the snow make-up calendar, we have consulted with the Office of the State Superintendent, DCPS instructional staff, the Washington Teachers Union, and a number of parents. Thanks to many of you who offered suggestions about how best to maximize instructional time, preserve family vacation time, and meet the state attendance requirements.

We explored a variety of options that included extending the school day, converting previously scheduled vacation days into school days, changing the dates of DC-CAS testing—but none of these proved workable.

In order to make up the lost snow days, the school calendar will shift as follows:

- **Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> will be a regular school day.** This was previously scheduled as a Professional Development Day for teachers, with no school for students.
- **Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> will be a regular school day.** This was previously scheduled as a Parent-Teacher Conference Day, and we will work with schools to ensure that teachers and parents schedule time to talk about summer learning and end-of-year topics during late May.
- **Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a full regular school day.** This was previously scheduled as a half-day for students. It is now a regular full school day.
- **Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be regular school days. The last day of school for students and teachers is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.** These were the designated “make up days” built in to the calendar last year.
- **Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is the first day of summer school.**

We appreciate your patience and flexibility. We understand that schedule changes can cause difficulties for families and it is our hope that these specific adjustments will cause the minimum amount of disruption.

Sincerely,

Michelle Rhee  
Chancellor

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